

## OPINION 980

## PROTOGONIA SUBQUADRATA COPE, 1881 (MAMMALIA): GENERIC AND SPECIFIC NAMES SUPPRESSED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

**RULING.**—(1) Under the plenary powers the following names are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy:

(a) the generic name *Protonotia* Cope, 1881;

(b) the specific name *subquadrata* Cope, 1881, as published in the binomen *Protonotia subquadrata*.

(2) The generic name *Tetraclaenodon* Scott, 1892 (gender: masculine), type-species, by monotypy, *Mioclænus floerianus* Cope, 1888, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1958.

(3) The specific name *puercensis* Cope, 1881, as published in the binomen *Phenacodus puercensis*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2475.

(4) The generic name *Protonotia* Cope, 1881 (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) (a) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1998.

(5) The specific name *subquadrata* Cope, 1881, as published in the binomen *Protonotia subquadrata* (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) (b) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 983.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1890)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. Robert M. West and Dr. Donald Baird in June 1969. The application was sent to the printer on 16 June 1969 and was published on 7 April 1970 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 26 : 230–232. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 21 : 184) and two specialist serials. No comment was received.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 9 June 1971 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (71)13 either for or against the proposal set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 26 : 231–232. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 9 September 1971 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—sixteen (16), received in the following order: Holthuis, Vokes, Mayr, Lemche, Melville, Binder, Simpson, Starobogatov, Bonnet, Alvarado, Jaczewski, Eisenmann, Tortonese, Forest, Ride, Munroe.

Negative votes—one (1): Sabrosky.

Voting Papers not returned—one (1): Kraus.

Commissioner Brinck returned a late affirmative vote. The following

comment was made by Dr. Sabrosky in returning his negative vote: "Cabrera was so clearly right that I vote strongly against this proposal. It is no credit that six of the nine pertinent publications and four of the six most influential classifications used the junior synonym *Tetraclaenodon* after Cabrera pointed out the correct solution. It appears from the evidence presented that *Euprotogonia* predominated for a time (Matthew, 1897; Osborn, 1898; Douglass, 1908), and the mammalogists changed to *Tetraclaenodon* because of priority. Why then did they not apply priority and change to *Protogonia* after Cabrera (1935)?"

#### ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists and Indexes by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

*Protogonia* Cope, 1881, *Proc. Amer. philos. Soc.* **19** : 492

*puercensis*, *Phenacodus*, Cope, 1881, *Proc. Amer. philos. Soc.* **19** : 492

*subquadrata*, *Protogonia*, Cope, 1881, *Proc. Amer. philos. Soc.* **19** : 492

*Tetraclaenodon* Scott, 1892, *Proc. Acad. nat. Sci. Philad.* **1892** : 299

#### CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (71)13 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 980.

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